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Title: METHODS OF CLONING AND PRODUCING FRAGMENT CHAINS WITH READABLE INFORMATION CONTENT		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before calculation of the filing fee and examination the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8-13 as follows:

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein said fragments are each between 8 and 25 bases in length.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein n is at least 10.

10. (Amended) A method of synthesizing a double stranded nucleic acid molecule comprising at least the steps of:

- 1) generating fragment chains according to the method defined in claim 1, 2 or 3;